

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:23  
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2001  
ACTIVITIES OF CHILD ADOPTION CENTRES  
GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ;PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of child adoption centers have recently been found involved in the sale and purchase of infants;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government have ordered any CBI inquiry into the operations of these rackets;
- (d) if so, findings of the inquiry report;
- (e) whether the Union Government propose to bring out any legislation for checking these illegal activities in the country;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and (g) the details of other steps being taken to check these activities?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f) & (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART (a), (b),(c),(d),(e),(f) & (g) of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 23 FOR 24.7.2001 BY SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL AND SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ REGARDING ACTIVITIES OF CHILD ADOPTION CENTRES.

(a)&(b) Recently, reports were received about allegations of malpractices against certain agencies in Andhra Pradesh. After preliminary investigations, the State Government had initiated action against some agencies. Two of these namely,

(i) Indian Council for Social Welfare, Hyderabad, A.P.

(ii) John Abraham Memorial Bethany Home, Tandur, A.P. were Central Government recognized placement agencies, which have been immediately de-recognized. Inquiry is being conducted by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(c)&(d) No, Sir, because the State Government has ordered an enquiry.

(e)&(f) The existing legislations and guidelines adequately provide for checking malpractices.

(g) The Government of India has frequently written to all State Governments to take action against illegal adoption homes, avoid delays in adoption procedures, ensure licensing of all orphanages in adoption homes, for setting up of State Advisory Boards and State Adoption Cells, to take action for curbing illegal activities in the field of adoption and conduct joint inspections of Adoption Homes.